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James G. Davis, M.D., Treasurer
Political Action Committee of the American
Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
317 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

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Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

Schedule A of your report discloses the receipt of funds from your connected organization (pertinent portion(s) attached). 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. Under 11 CFR §114.5(b)(3), however, a separate segregated fund may be reimbursed for any solicitation or other administrative expense provided that the reimbursement is made no later than thirty days after the expense was paid by the separate segregated fund.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. Please provide further clarifying information regarding the date(s) on which the committee made payments for any solicitation or other administrative expenses.

To the extent that the reimbursement was made beyond thirty days after the expense was paid, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to your

connected organization of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from your connected organization for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR 103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a copy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfer-out or refund made should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the date on which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to refund or transfer-out the amount will be taken into consideration.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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